

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q86296

Hirotaaka ISHIKAWA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/527,067

Group Art Unit: 3714

Confirmation No.: 3812

Examiner: Kevin Y KIM

Filed: March 9, 2005

For: GAME DEVICE, GAME DEVICE CONTROL METHOD, PROGRAM, PROGRAM
DISTRIBUTION DEVICE, INFORMATION STORAGE MEDIUM

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on
March 10, 2009:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was forwarded on March 12,
2009.

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: None
2. Identification of claims discussed: claim 2
3. Identification of art discussed: Hamada and Liu

4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: Examiners Kim and Hotaling suggested making amendments to clarify the relationship between the actual game being played with the strings being substituted, as well as describing when and why strings are substituted.

5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Hamada and Liu do not teach or suggest the features of the basic string and substitute string as recited in the claimed invention.

6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: None

7. Results of Interview: Applicants would take into consideration, Examiners' suggestion in preparing the response to the Office Action.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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